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SUBJECT: CAST IRON STOVES AND PARTS: MEMBERSHIP OF UNITED
STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC) EQUALLY
DIVIDED IN ITS FINDINGS

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1. WE ADVISED IN REFTEL THAT THE USITC HAD INSTITUTED AN
INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 201(B) OF THE TRADE ACT OF
1974 TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT OF INCREASED IMPORTS ON THE
DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE
PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE USITC PRESS RELEASE DATED JULY

25 ANNOUNCING THAT THE COMMISSION HAD REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WAS EQUALLY DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE DOMESTIC PRODUCERS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE IMPORT RELIEF PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT (BEGIN TEXT): THE USITC TODAY REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT IS EQUALLY DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING CAST-IRON STOVES, STOVE PARTS, AND FIREPLACE GRATES IS BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED AS A RESULT OF INCREASED IMPORTS.

CHAIRMAN DANIEL MINCHEW AND COMMISSIONER GEORGE M. MOORE

VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, AND COMMISSIONERS CATHERINE BEDELL AND ITALO H. ABLONDI MADE A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION.

IN THE CASE OF SUCH A TIE VOTE THE PRESIDENT MAY BY LAW ACCEPT EITHER THE AFFIRMATIVE OR THE NEGATIVE DETERMINATION AS THE COMMISSION'S FINDING.

THE COMMISSION INSTITUTED ITS INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, ON MARCH 23, 1977, IN RESPONSE TO A PETITION FROM THE ATLANTA STOVE WORKS, INC., WASHINGTON STOVE WORKS, UNITED STATES STOVE CO., PORTLAND STOVE FOUNDRY, INC., AND MARTIN INDUSTRIES, INC. AFTER CONSIDERING DATA UNCOVERED DURING THE INVESTIGATION, CHAIRMAN MINCHEW AND COMMISSIONER UNCLASSIFIED

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MOORE FOUND THAT THE INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DUTY-FREE ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES OF CAST-IRON STOVES, STOVE PARTS, AND FIREPLACE GRATES FROM CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THEY FOUND THAT THE SUSPENSION OF THE DUTY-FREE DESIGNATION IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT OR REMEDY THE INJURY. NORMALLY A 6-PERCENT RATE OF DUTY IS LEVIED ON IMPORTS OF SUCH ARTICLES.

COMMISSIONERS BEDELL AND ABLONDI FOUND THAT CAST-IRON STOVES, STOVE PARTS, AND FIREPLACE GRATES ARE NOT BEING IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH INCREASED QUANTITIES AS TO BE SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY, OR THE THREAT THEREOF TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING ARTICLES LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE WITH THE IMPORTED ARTICLES.

U.S. IMPORTS OF CAST-IRON STOVES, STOVE PARTS, AND FIREPLACE GRATES, MOST OF WHICH COME FROM TAIWAN AND KOREA, INCREASED RAPIDLY DURING 1972-76. IN 1976, THESE IMPORTS WERE VALUED AT \$15.1 MILLION. TOTAL

SHIPMENTS FOR THE SAME YEAR BY 14 DOMESTIC PRODUCERS
OF THESE ARTICLES WERE VALUED AT \$16.9 MILLION.
END TEXT.

2. THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES WILL ANALYZE THE REPORT AND
FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL DECISION BY THE
PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT HAS SIXTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE
RECEIPT OF THE USITC REPORT WITHIN WHICH TO ACCEPT EITHER
THE AFFIRMATIVE OR THE NEGATIVE DETERMINATION.

3. US MISSION OECD PARIS INFORM OCED SECRETARIAT. US
MISSION GENEVA NOTIFY THE GATT SECRETARIAT REQUESTING

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OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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